

Darlene Moore - HB 5538

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Greetings Darlene, I hope this memo finds you well. I am a heart patient and cannot attend the Appropriations meeting tomorrow because I have a cardio appointment. I would like to voice my opposition to HB 5538.

I am a twenty year veteran of the bail bond industry and the immediate past president of our association. I am in the "trenches" of the jail release arena every day. I have first-hand knowledge of the additional strife this bill will create for our citizens.

My agency posts bond for approximately 3200 defendants every year and, in this economy, people are having a difficult enough time raising the current bail bond taxes imposed three years ago! This additional new tax will only compound the jail overcrowding issue which will only lead to jails releasing more dangerous people out onto our streets.

Please make this email a permanent record opposing this bill during the Appropriations meeting tomorrow morning.

Thanks Darlene!!

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The political consultant, Robert Strauss, was a Washington insider who advised presidents from Lyndon Johnson to the first George Bush. He once said: "Everybody in government [Washington] is like a bunch of ants on a log, floating down a river. Each one thinks he is guiding the log, but it's really just going with the flow."

The truth is—the Lord holds sovereign sway over the currents of history.